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1. HAARETZ REPORTED ON NOV. 10 THAT THE AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS HAD NOT YET AGREED TO THE COMMITTEE OF EIGHT'S RECOMMENDATION. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT HIAS AND THE JDC HANDLE ONLY THOSE SOVIET JEWS WITH VISAS FOR THE U.S. OR EUROPE WHEREAS THE JEWISH AGENCY WOULD CARE FOR THOSE SOVIET JEWS DEPARTING THE USSR WITH ISRAELI VISAS. THE DELAY IS REPORTEDLY DUE TO THE OPPOSITION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION. AS A RESULT, AN EMISSARY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND ONE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WENT TO THE U.S. LAST WEEK TO PERSUADE THESE LEADERS TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

2. ANOTHER NOV. 10 HAARETZ ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE BOARD OF PRESIDENTS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS DISCUSSED

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THE DROPOUT PROBLEM WITHOUT COMING TO A DECISION. DUR-

ING THE DEBATE ANTAGONISTIC OPINIONS APPEARED -- CHARLOTTE JACOBSON SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION AND CARL GLICK OF HIAS OPPOSING IT. THE CHAIRMAN, RABBI ALEXANDER SCHINDLER, SUMMED UP THE DEBATE, ASSERTING THAT ALL SIDES SHOULD BE ACTIVE IN ENDING THE POLARIZATION ON THIS ISSUE AMONG AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, AND BETWEEN THEM AND ISRAEL. IN ADDITION, THE DEBATE WAS POSTPONED WITHOUT A NEW DATE BEING SET. SOURCES IN NEW YORK WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION WILL ENCOURAGE THE SOLUTION OF THIS DIVISION AMONG THE AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS.
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